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MEMORANDUM FOR:  (OIR)  
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SUBJECT : Post-Mortem on NIE-69: Probable Developments  
in North Africa, dated 12 September 1952

1. Background

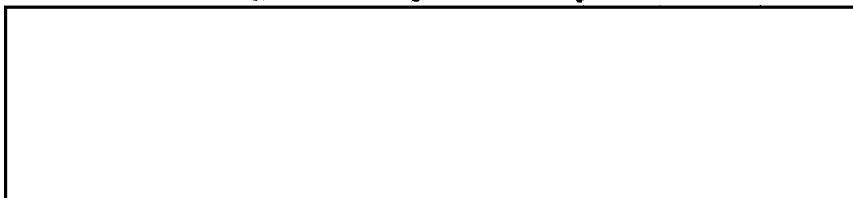
Initiation of NIE-69 was authorized by the IAC on 21 April 1952 to serve as the intelligence backing for a projected NSC policy statement. Contributions were received by 27 June and an initial Board draft submitted to the IAC representatives on 11 August. The estimate was approved by the IAC on 4 September.

2. Intelligence Gaps

No critical intelligence gaps were uncovered in the preparation of NIE-69, but more complete intelligence coverage on the following topics seems desirable in view of the probable future developments in this important area:

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b. Communist strength and capabilities, including, the



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We believe that the agencies concerned, particularly OIR, are already aware of the need for more information on these subjects and will take the necessary remedial measures. Therefore, a special post-mortem meeting seems unnecessary in this case.

3. Recommendations

- a. That no special post-mortem meeting be held on HIL-69.
- b. That the IAC agencies note the above intelligence needs and take whatever research and collection measures seem necessary to fill the.

4. Action

Please telephone your concurrence (or non-concurrence) in the above recommendations to the undersigned by close of business Wednesday, 14 January 

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